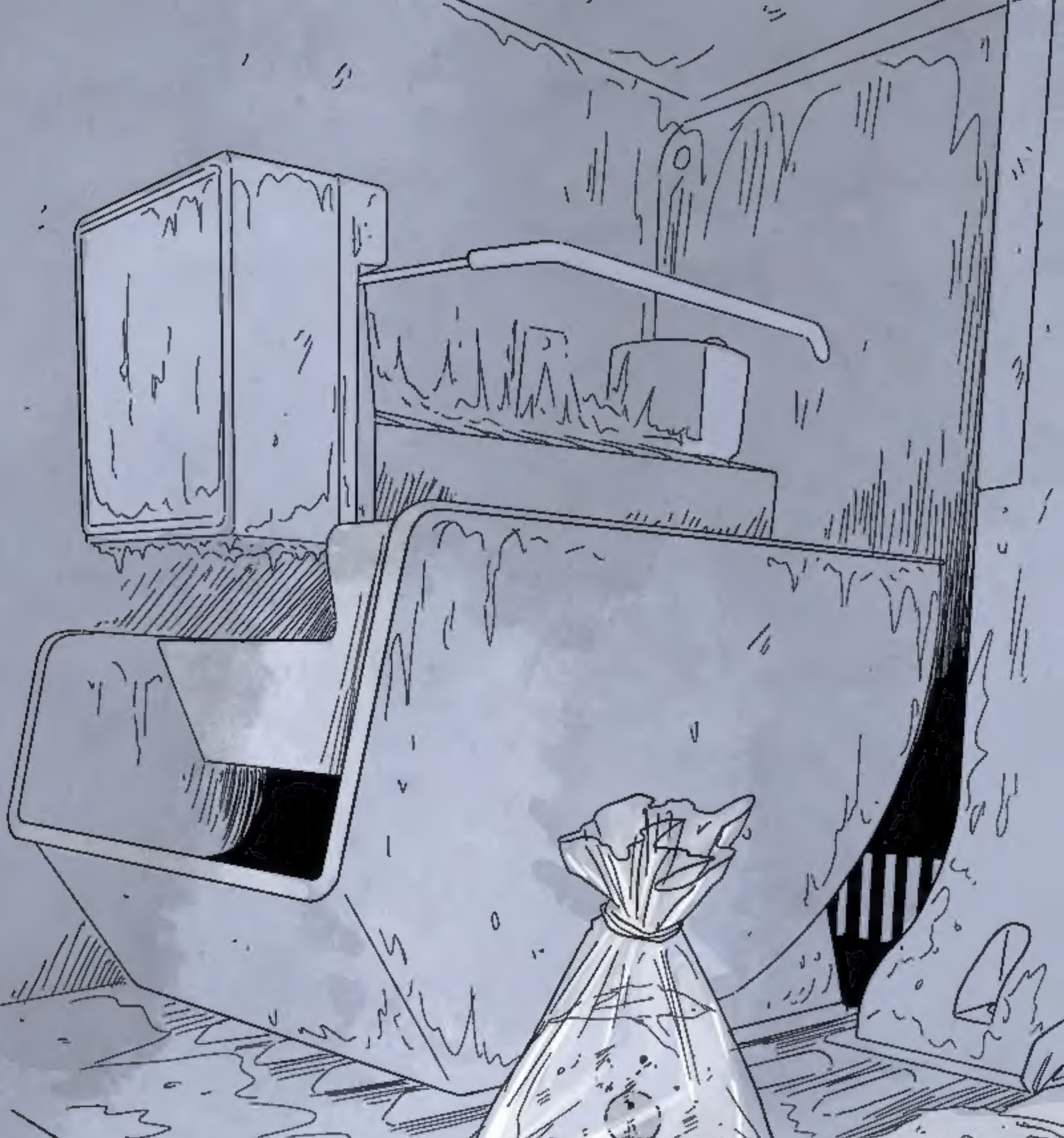
NOT KNOWING WHAT ELSE TO DO WITH THE MARBLE FULL

OF BLACK STUFF...



...WE FROZE IT IN A BAG OF WATER, INSIDE BOBBY'S

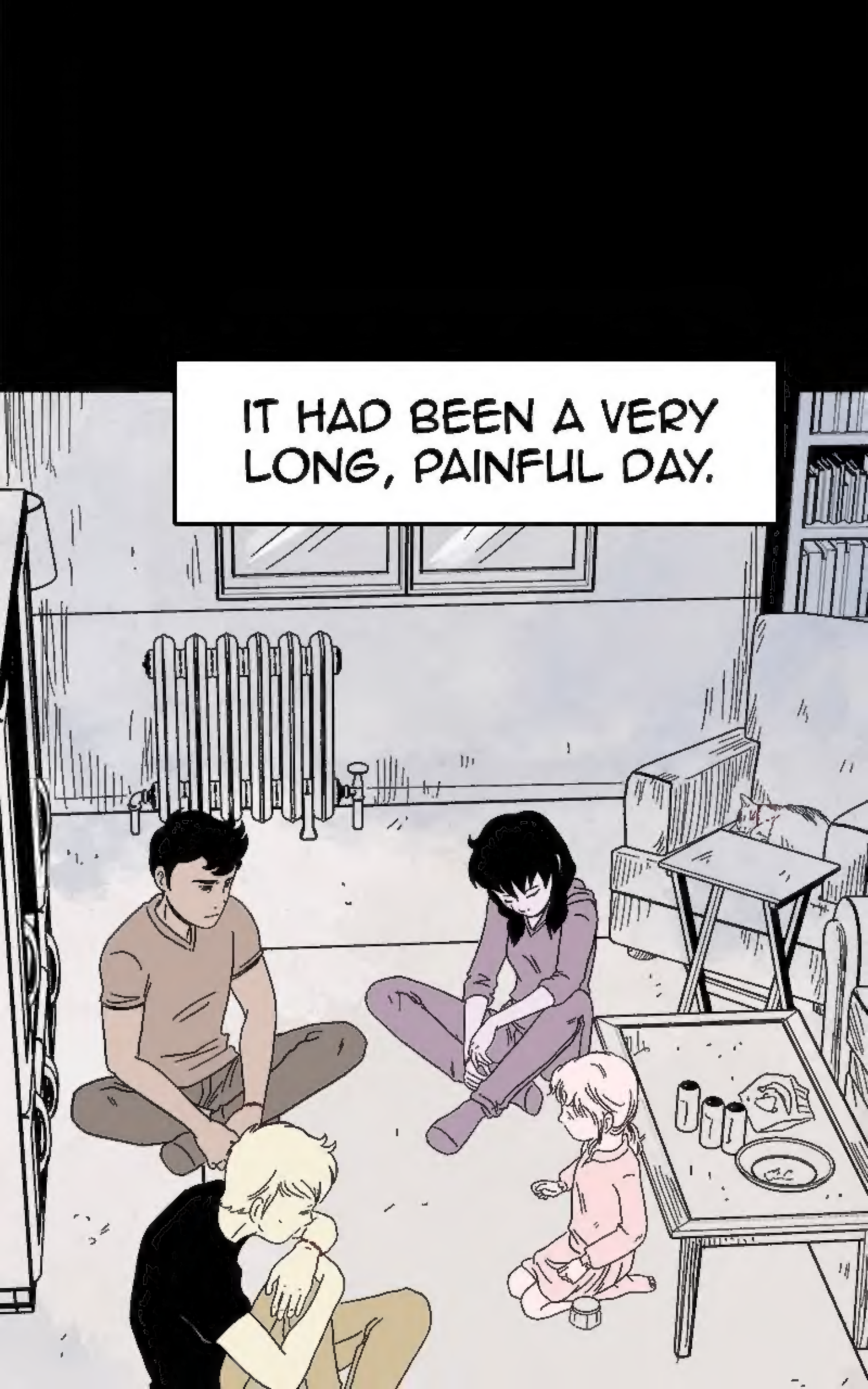
FREEZER.

AT LEAST THE

ELECTRICITY STILL WORKED...

PLAYTIME

PART FIVE


IT HAD BEEN A VERY LONG, PAINFUL DAY.

AFTER DEALING WITH...

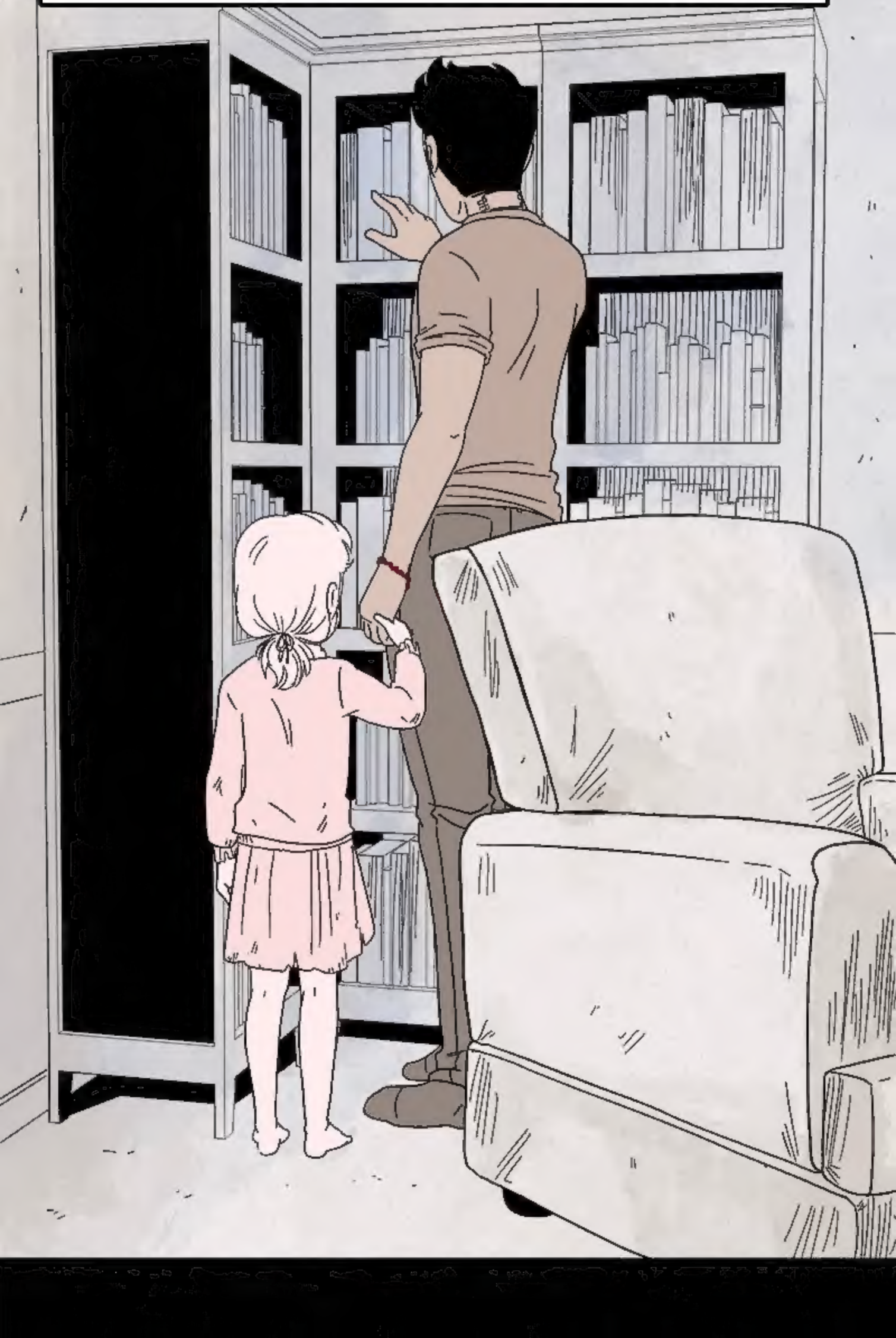
EVERYTHING ALL AT ONCE, WE DRIFTED OFF TO KEEP OURSELVES OCCUPIED.

NONE OF US WERE

REALLY SURE WHAT ELSE TO DO.

FELIX WENT THROUGH BOBBY'S BOOKS TO FIND SOMETHING TO KEEP

ASHLEY ENTERTAINED.

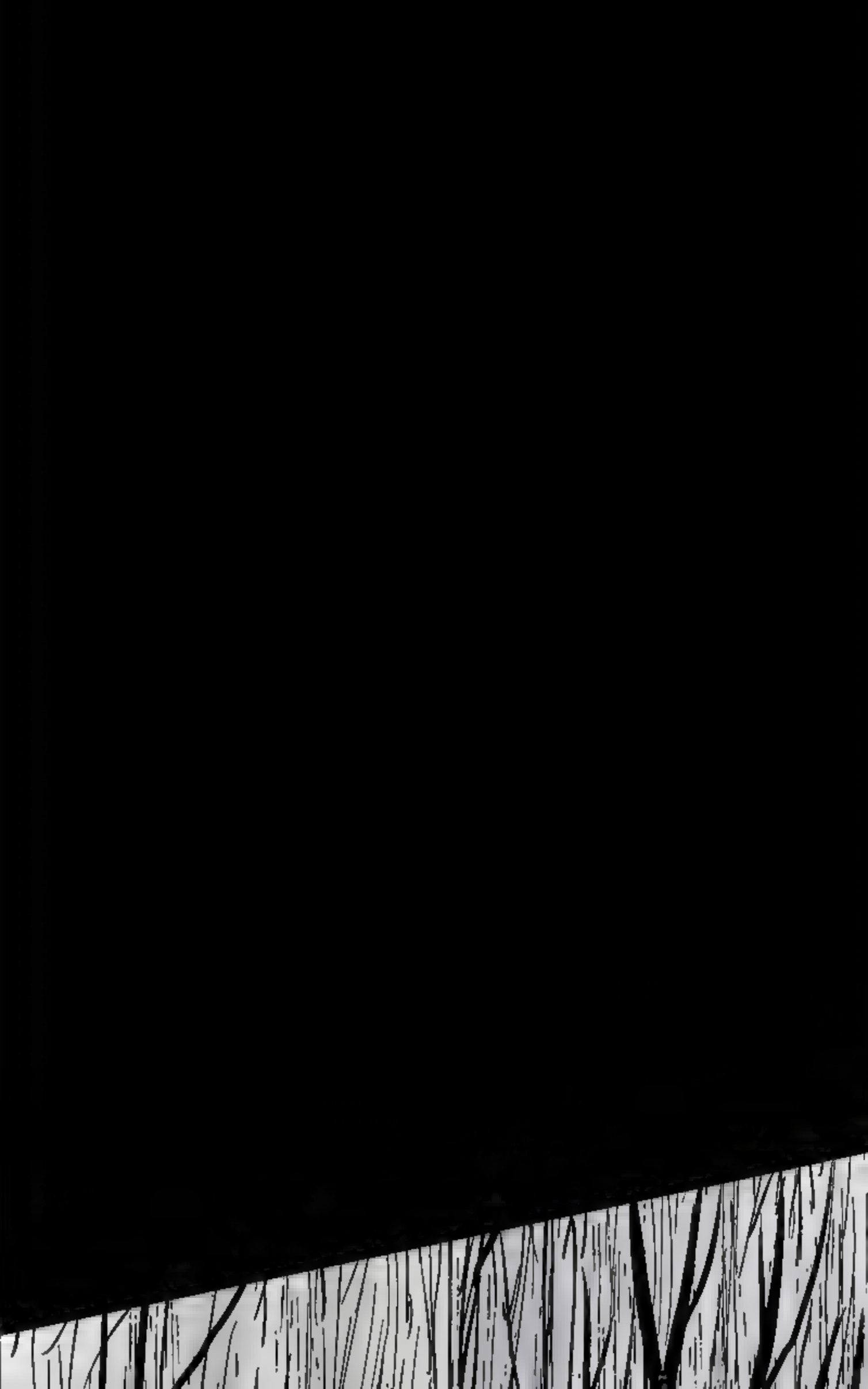


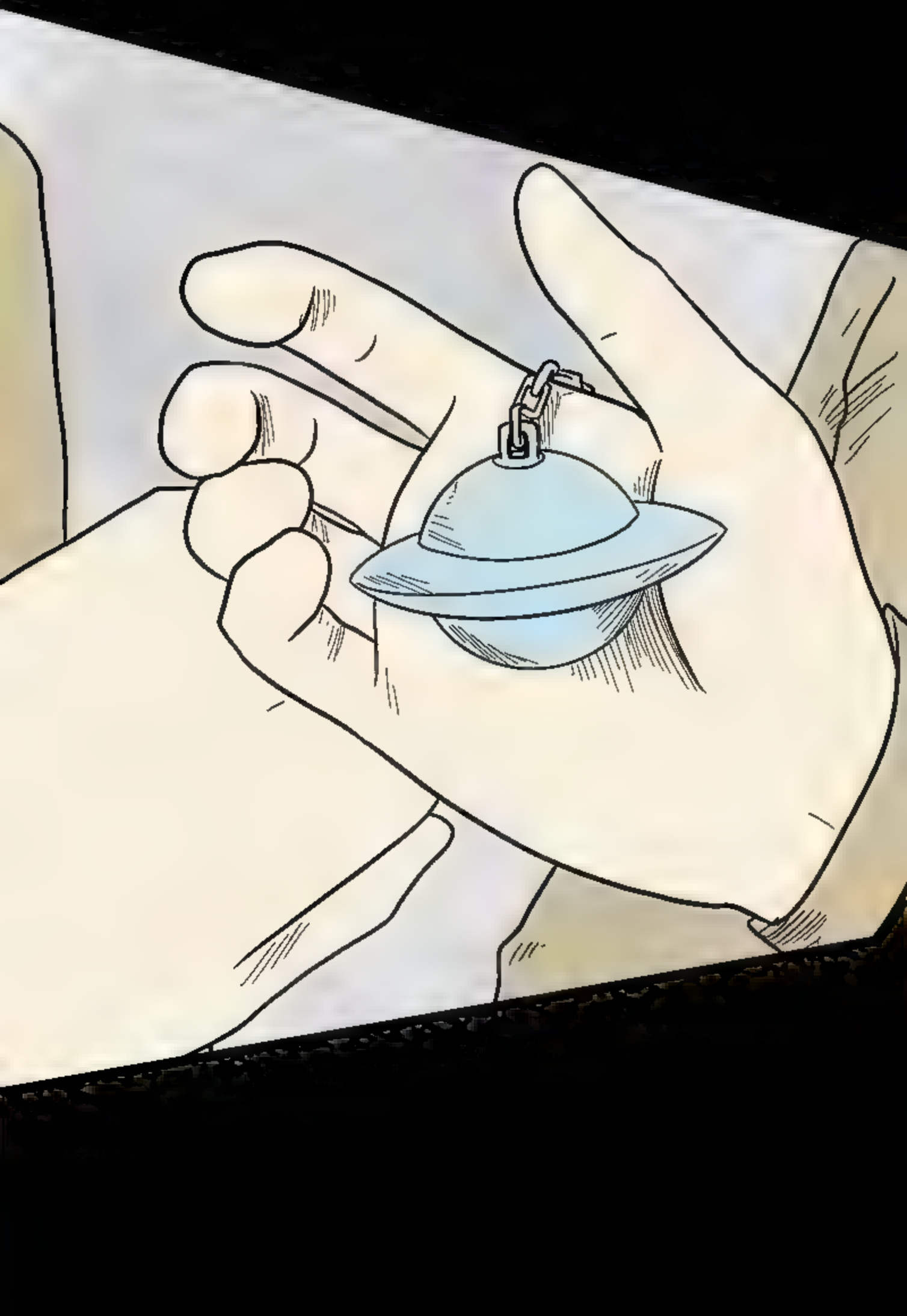
WHILE JEREMY...

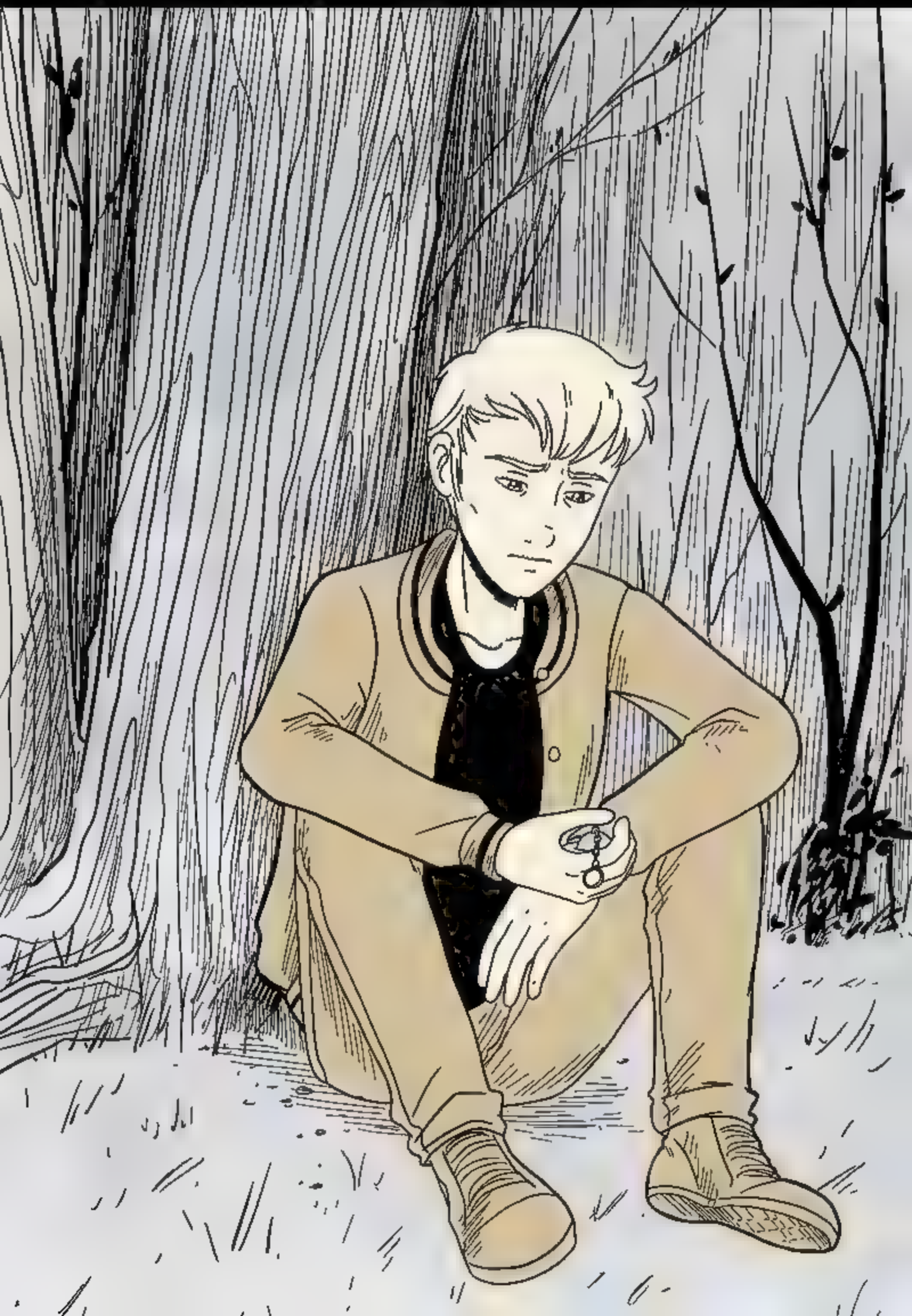
...WENT SOMEWHERE
TO THINK.

CHRRP

CHIRRRP

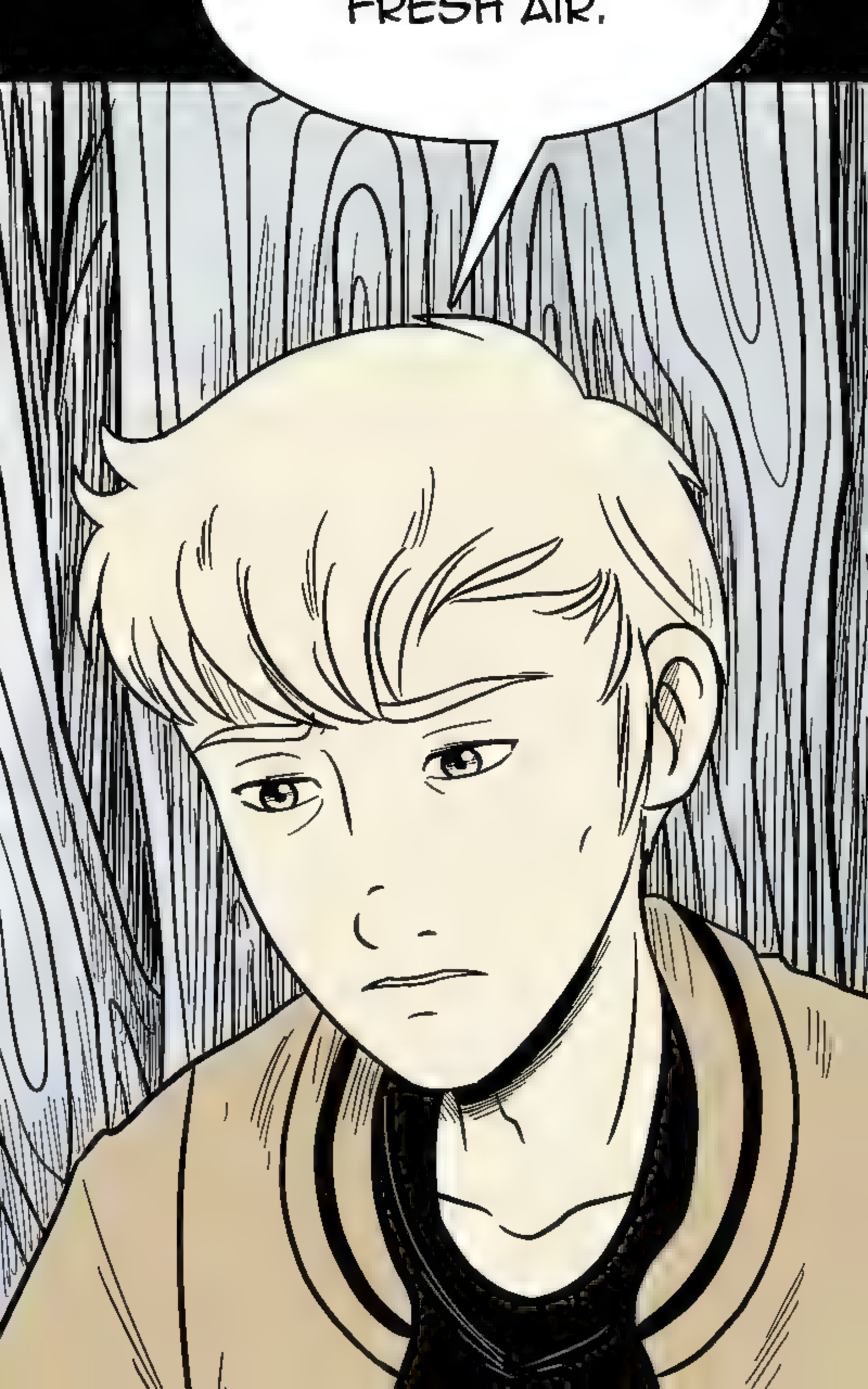


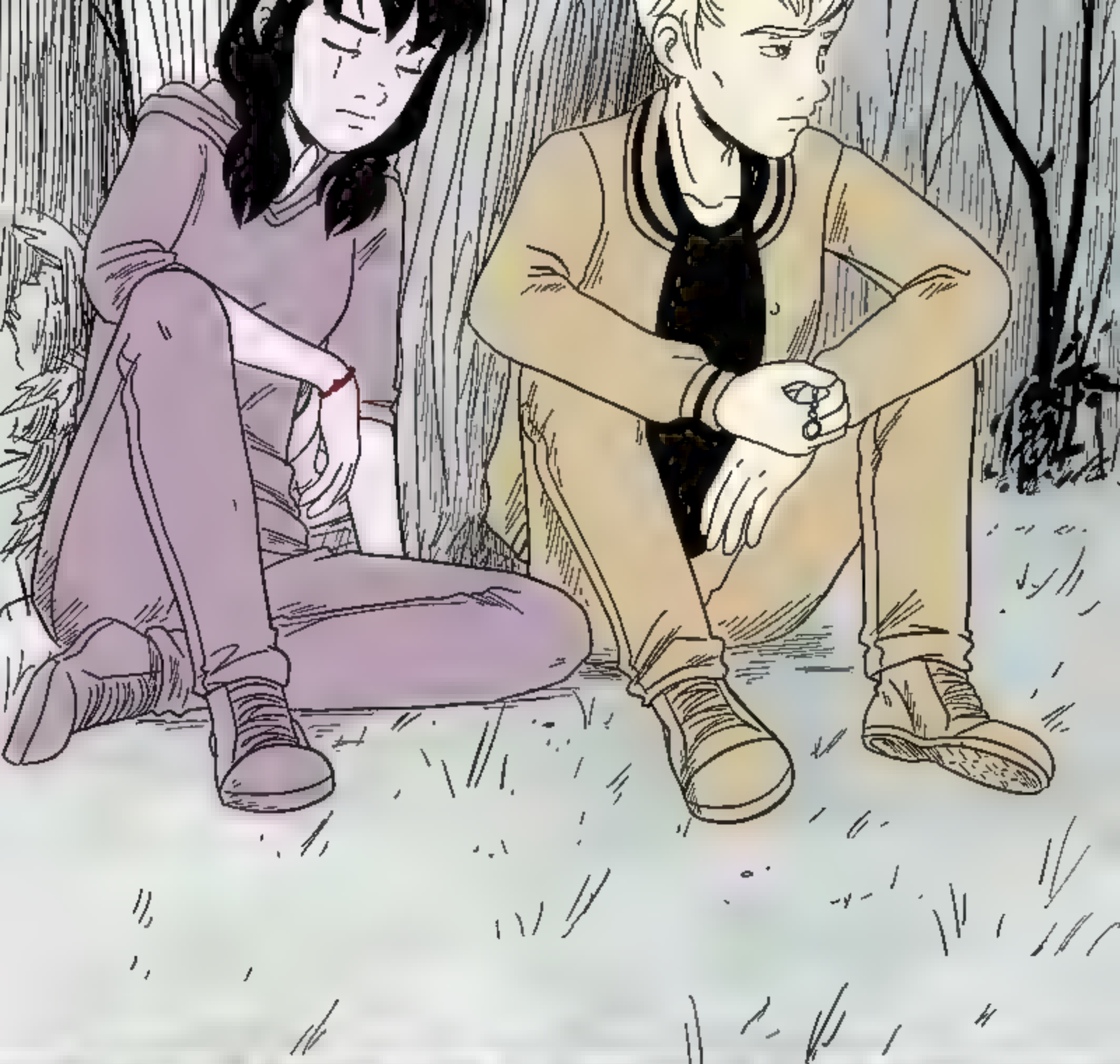


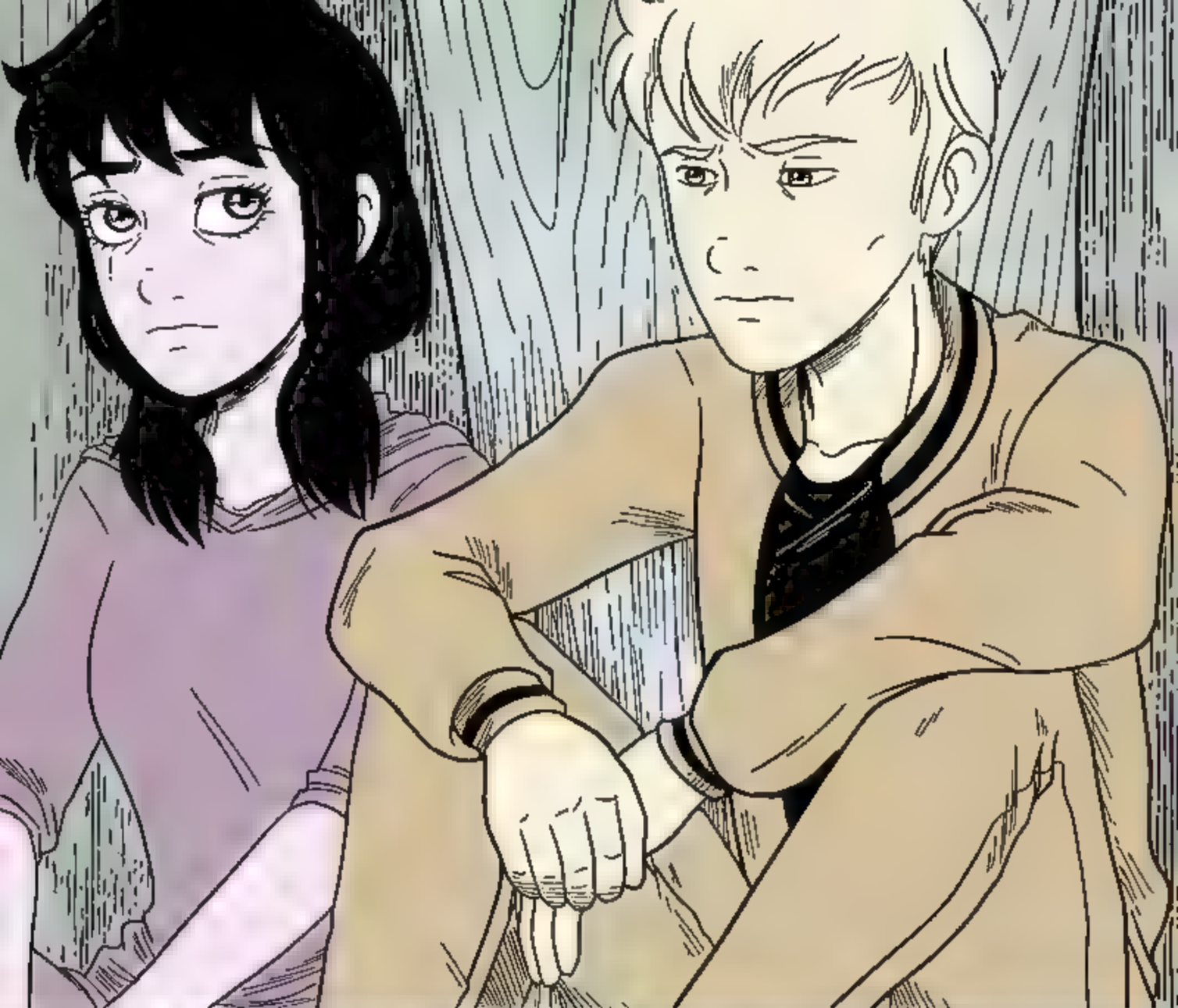


WE REALLY SHOULD BE STAYING INSIDE, YOU KNOW.
YEAH.

JUST...
NEEDED SOME


FRESH AIR.

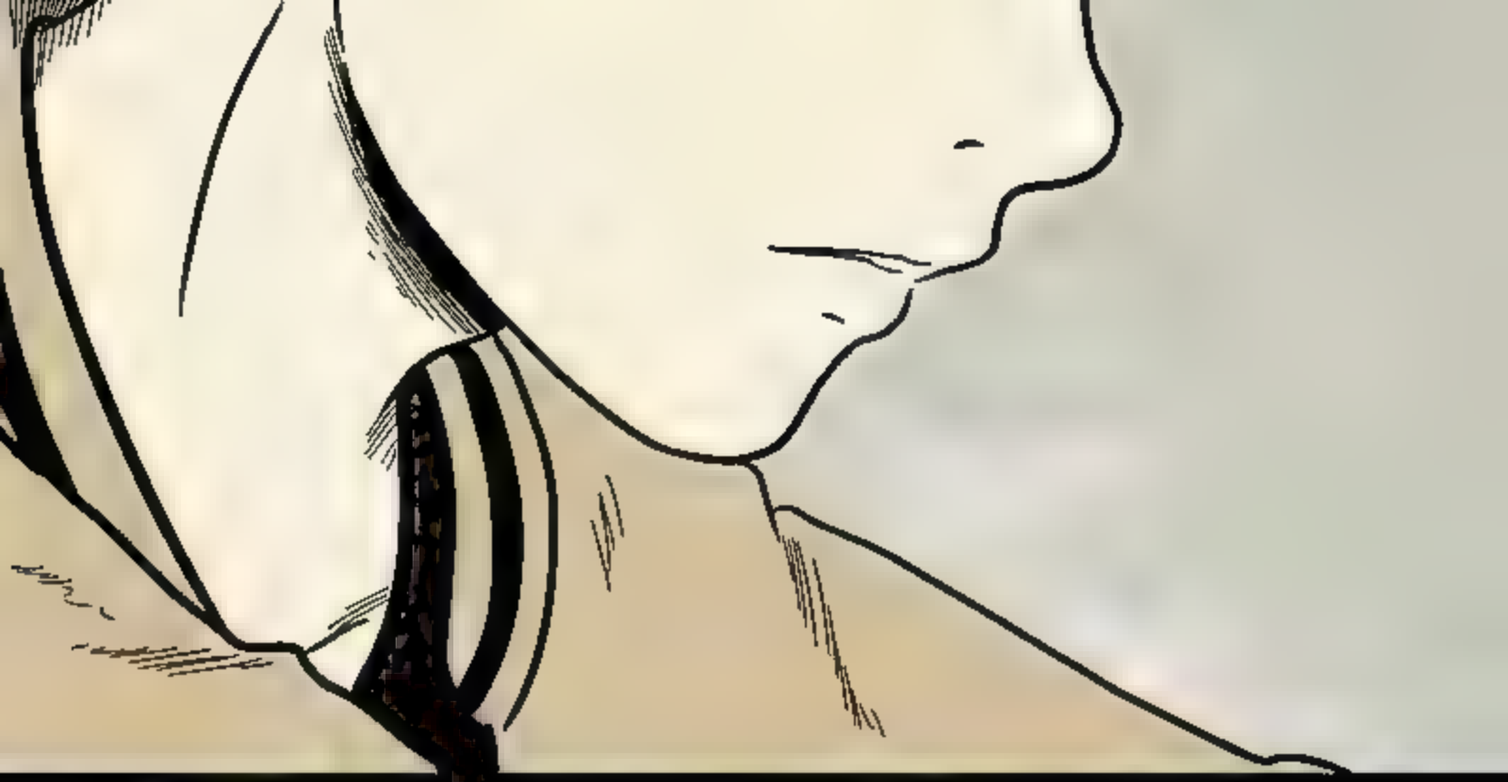




SO...
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN FRIENDS?

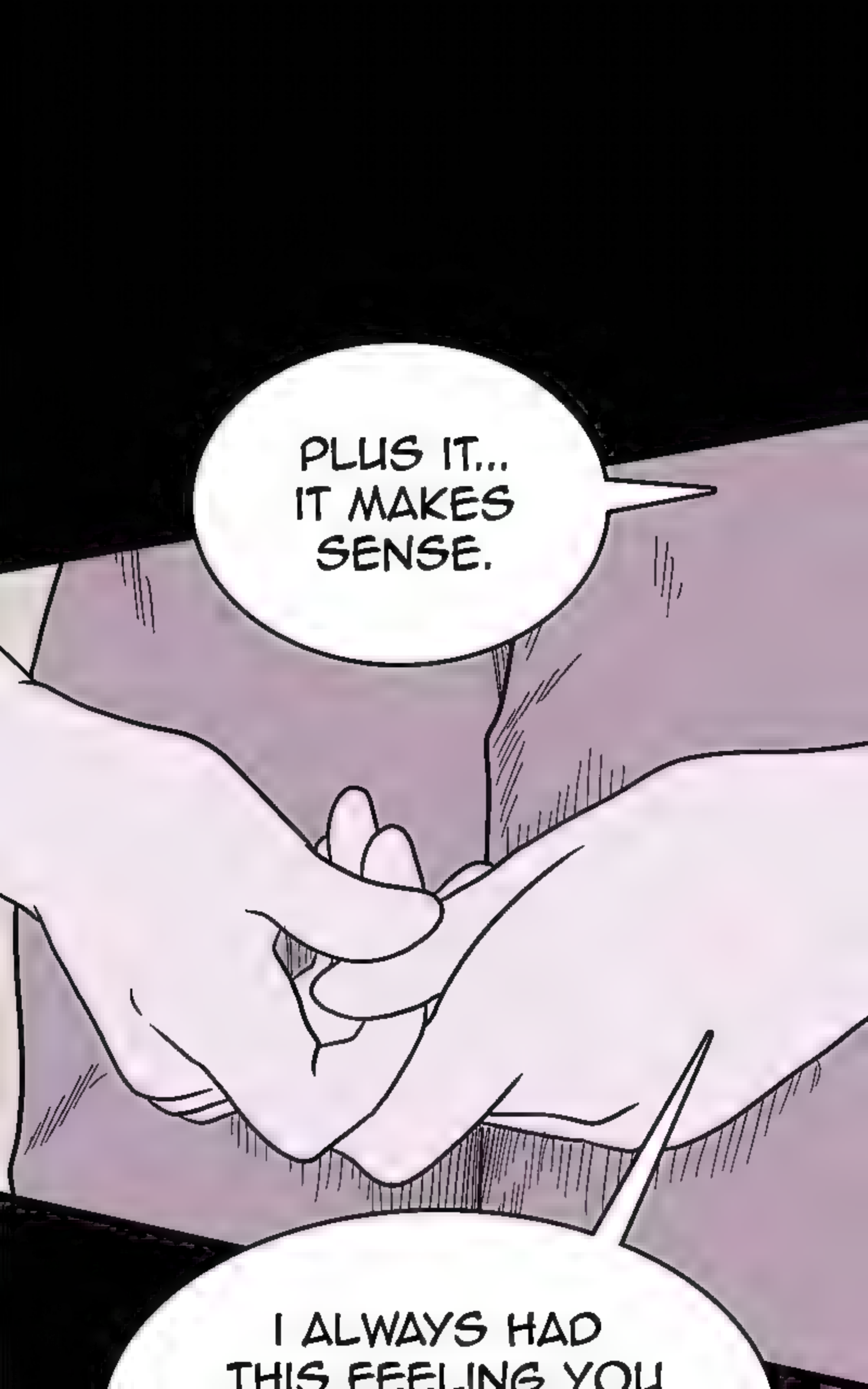
LONG TIME,
OR...?

THOUGHT YOU
DIDN'T WANT TO
TALK ABOUT IT.



YEAH, WELL...
CHANGED MY MIND.

DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...
ABOUT ALL THE TIME I'VE LOST.
BUT I SHOULD.


PLUS IT... IT MAKES SENSE.
I ALWAYS HAD

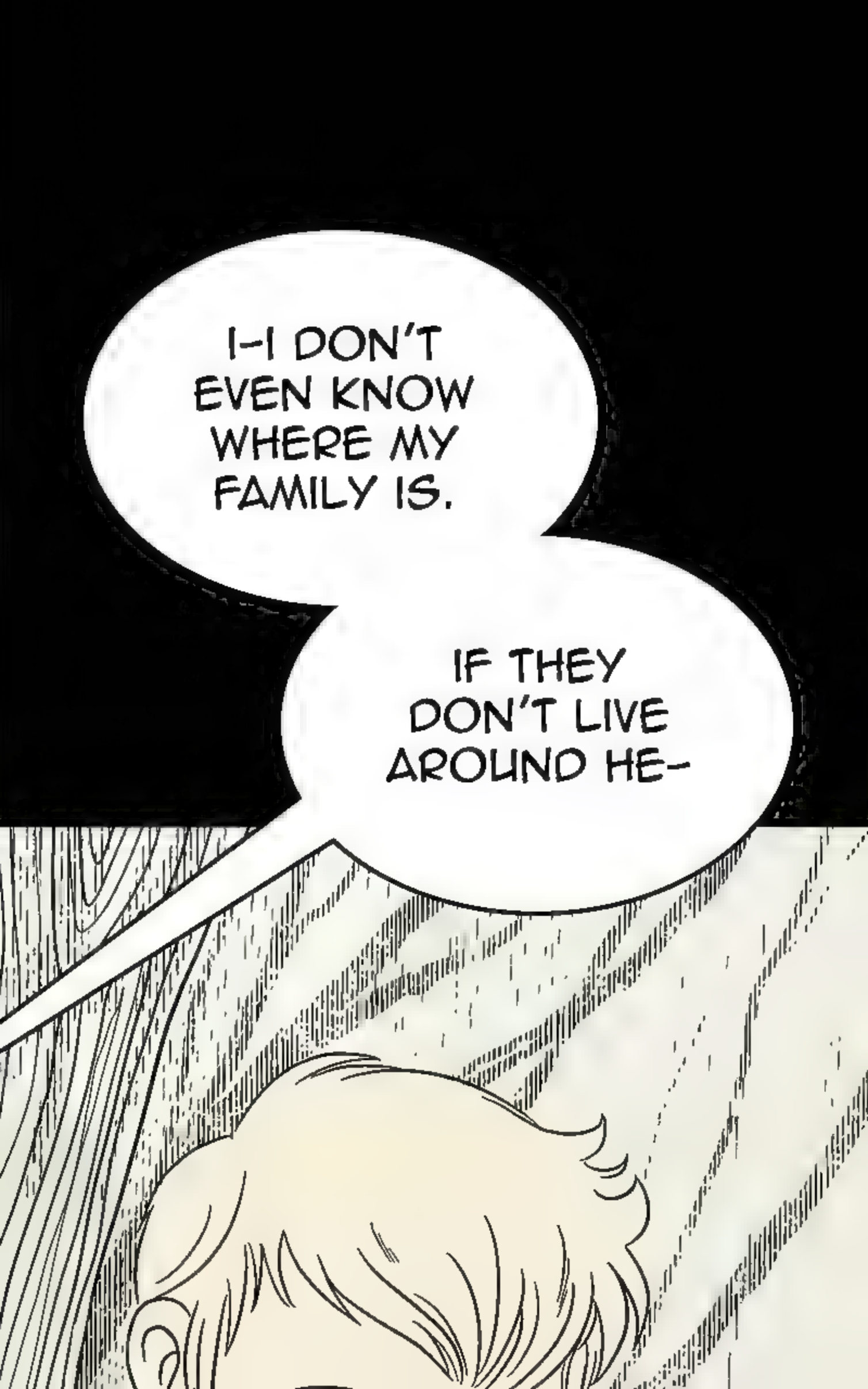
KNEW MORE ABOUT ME THAN YOU SHOULD.

YOU WEREN'T EVEN SURPRISED WHEN YOU FOUND OUT I COULD PICK LOCKS.

FELIX WAS, BUT YOU WEREN'T.

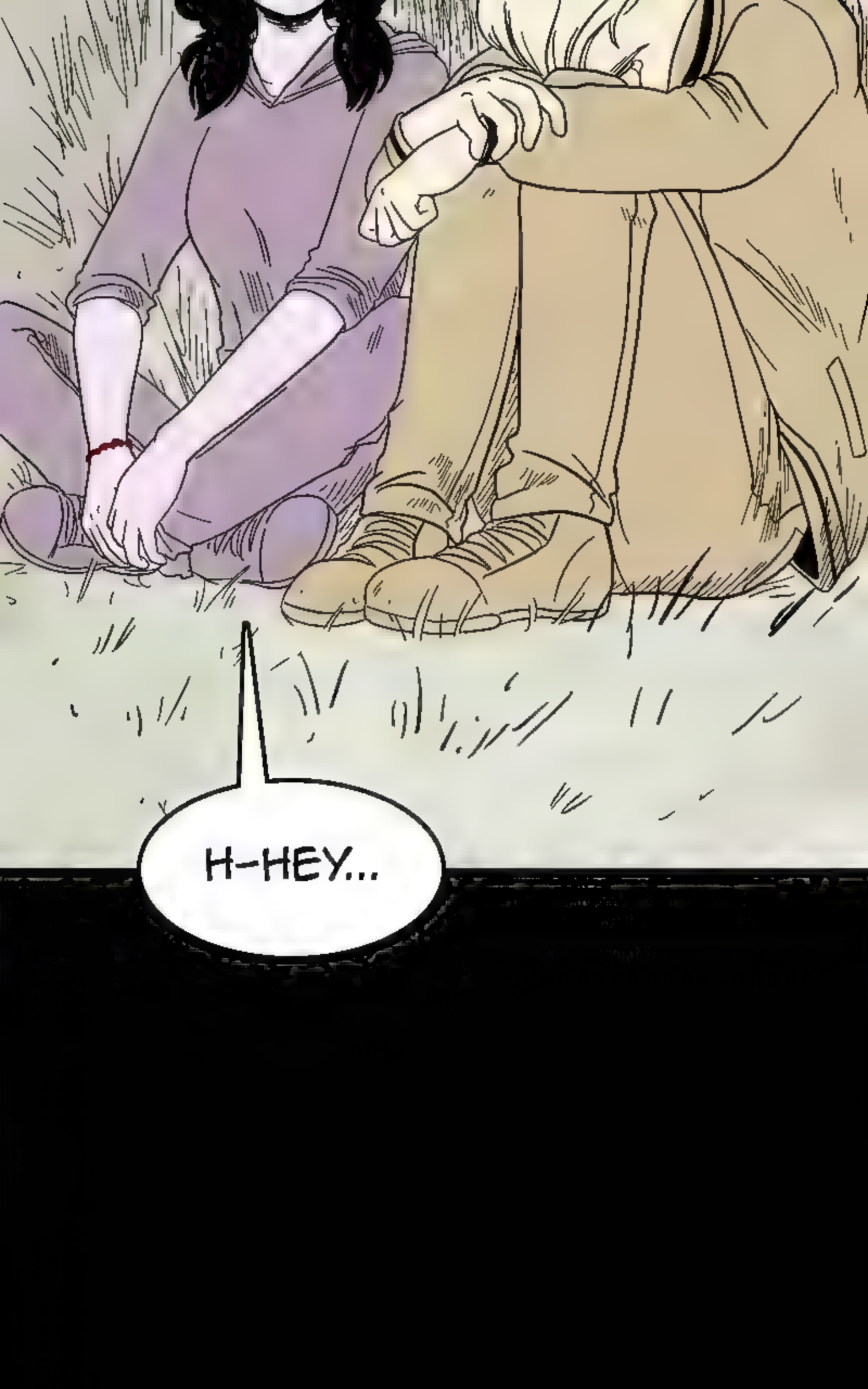
I'M...
I'M NOT
MAD.

I GET WHY YOU DIDN'T TELL ME.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHO I WAS BEFORE THIS.
WAS I A GOOD PERSON? BETTER, WORSE? DID I LIKE DIFFERENT STUFF?


I-I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE MY FAMILY IS.
IF THEY DON'T LIVE AROUND HE-

SNIF
WAIT... WHEN DID I LAST EVEN THINK ABOUT THEM? SEEMS LIKE AGES AGO...

JEREMY?
SOB

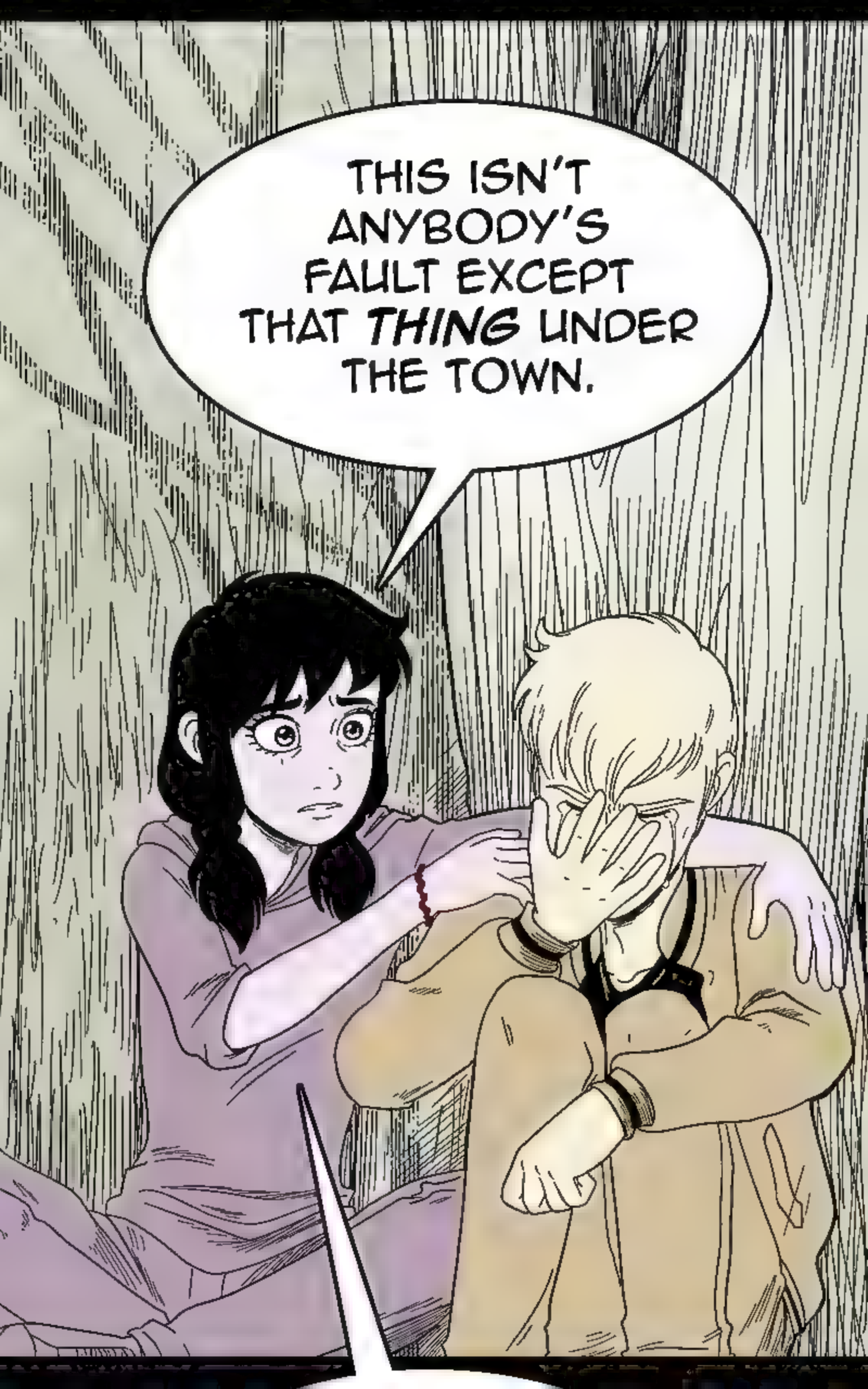

H-HEY...

JEREMY, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! I'M NOT BLAMING YOU!

SERIOUSLY.
YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD.

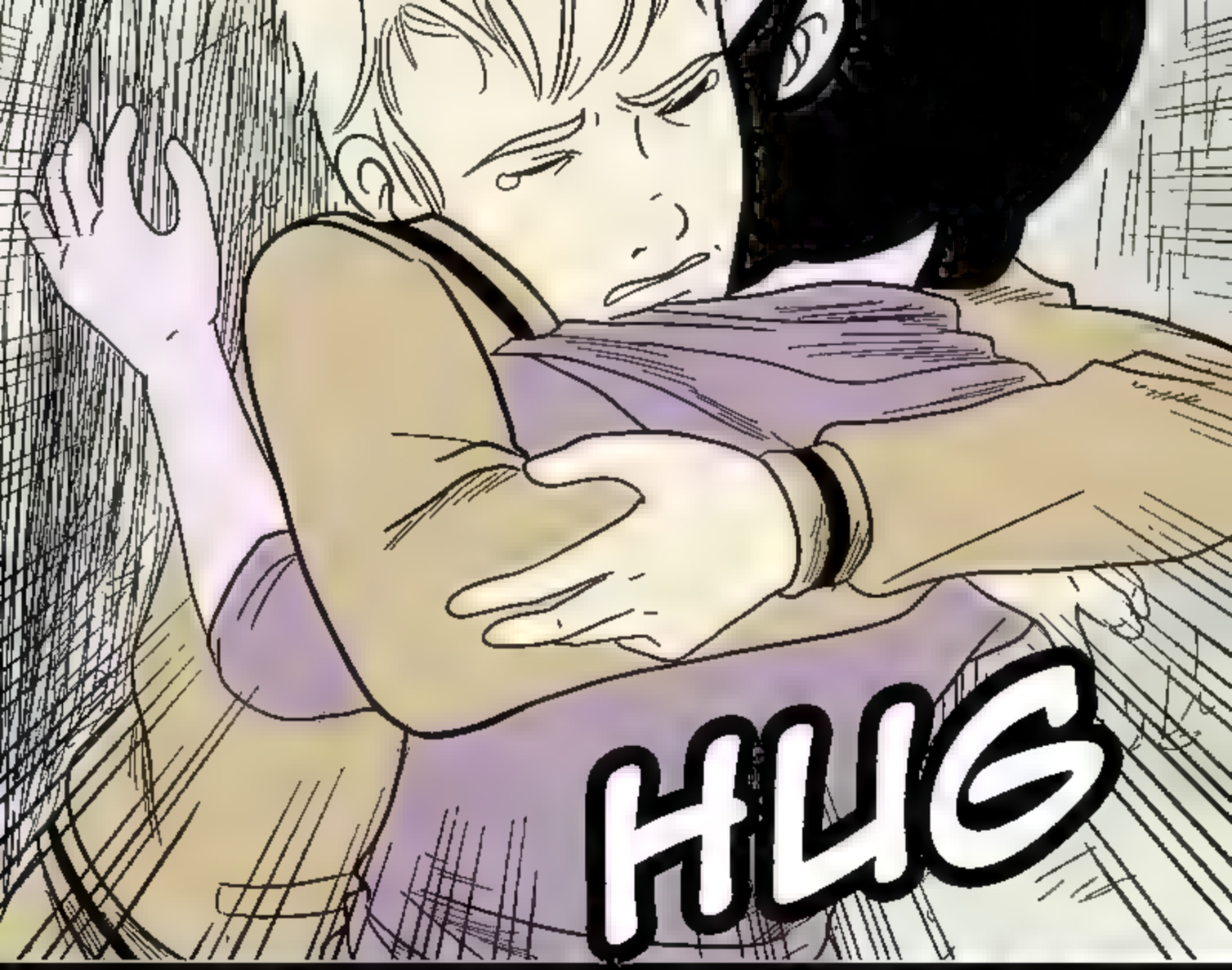
JEREMY...

LISTEN.


THIS ISN'T ANYBODY'S FAULT EXCEPT THAT *THING* UNDER THE TOWN.

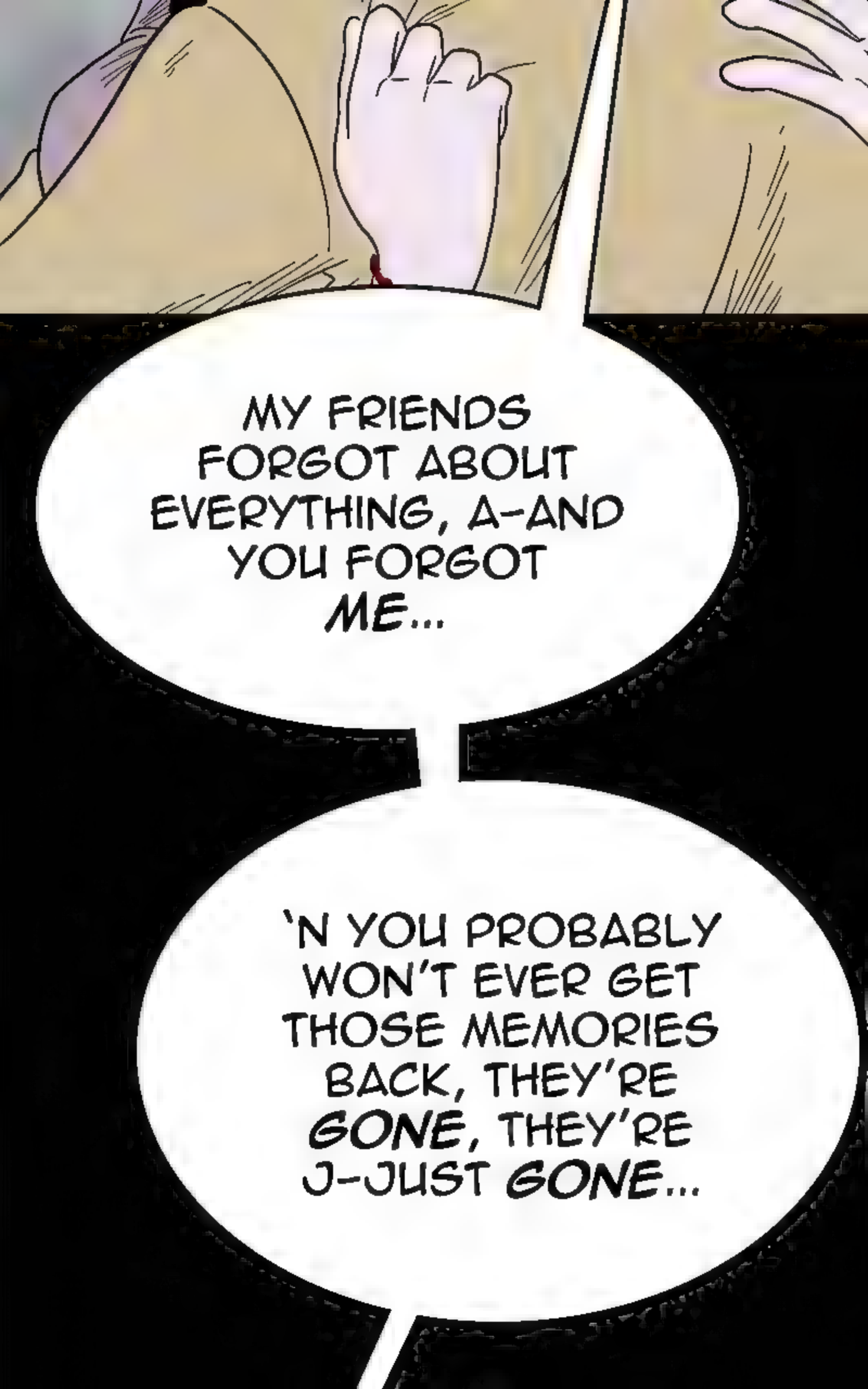
BELIEVE ME.
YOU DID YOUR BEST. PLEASE DON'T BE UPSET...
IT JUST...

WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY, EXCEPT, "DON'T FEEL GUIL-
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT!
AAH!


HUG

SOB
D-DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA H-HOW *BAD* THINGS GOT, WHEN I LOST YOU?

Y-YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD IT WAS!


MY FRIENDS FORGOT ABOUT EVERYTHING, A-AND YOU FORGOT *ME*...
'N YOU PROBABLY WON'T EVER GET THOSE MEMORIES BACK, THEY'RE *GONE*, THEY'RE J-JUST *GONE*...

AN' IT HURTS
SO MUCH...

I LET EVERYONE DOWN. I GOT YOU INVOLVED JUST BY KNOWING YOU...

...AND I LOST THE TWO PEOPLE WHO MEAN THE MOST TO ME.

'M SORRY, I'M SO SORRY...

I JUST MISS YOU SO MUCH...

I DUNNO WHAT
TO *DO*
ANYMORE...

SNIF
I'M...SORRY...

YOU'RE WRONG.

YOU HAVEN'T LOST ANYONE.
I'M STILL HERE, JEREMY. WE'RE ALL STILL HERE.

WE HAVEN'T GONE ANYWHERE AT ALL.

MAYBE WE'RE NOT THE SAME AS WE USED TO BE, BUT WE'RE STILL HERE.
AND WE STILL CARE ABOUT YOU.

YOU HAVEN'T LOST US...

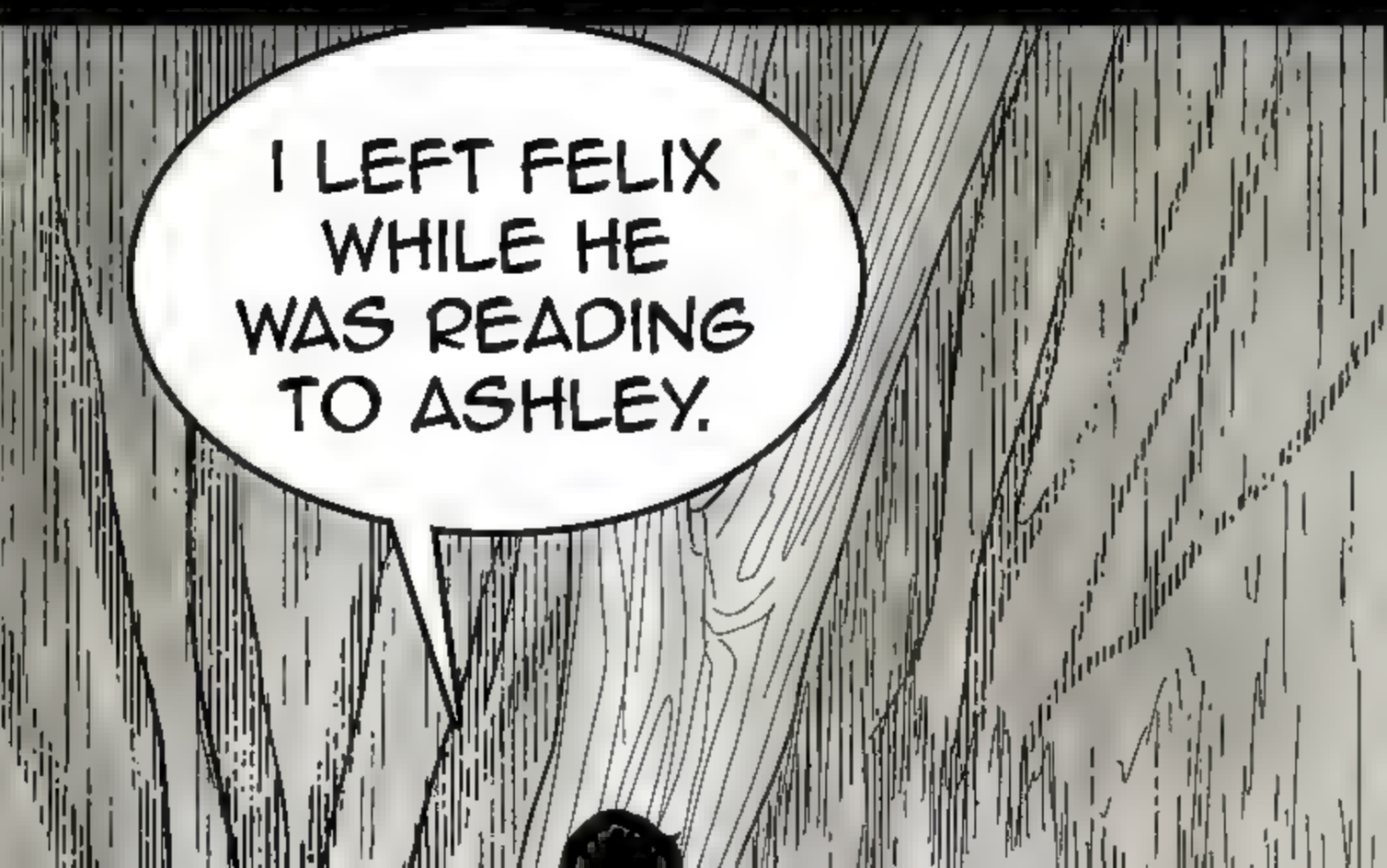
...AND YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
IT'LL BE OKAY.

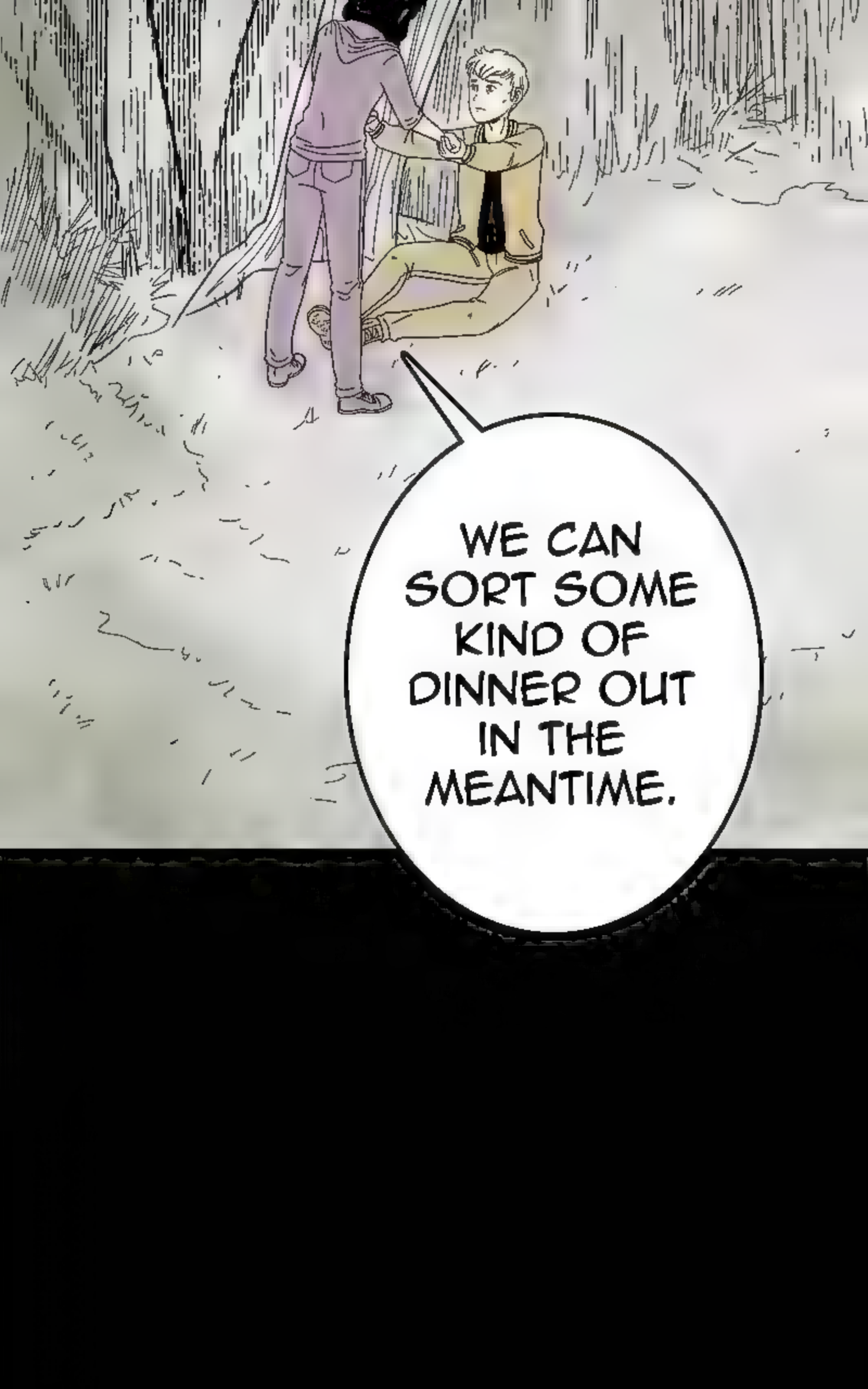
KISS

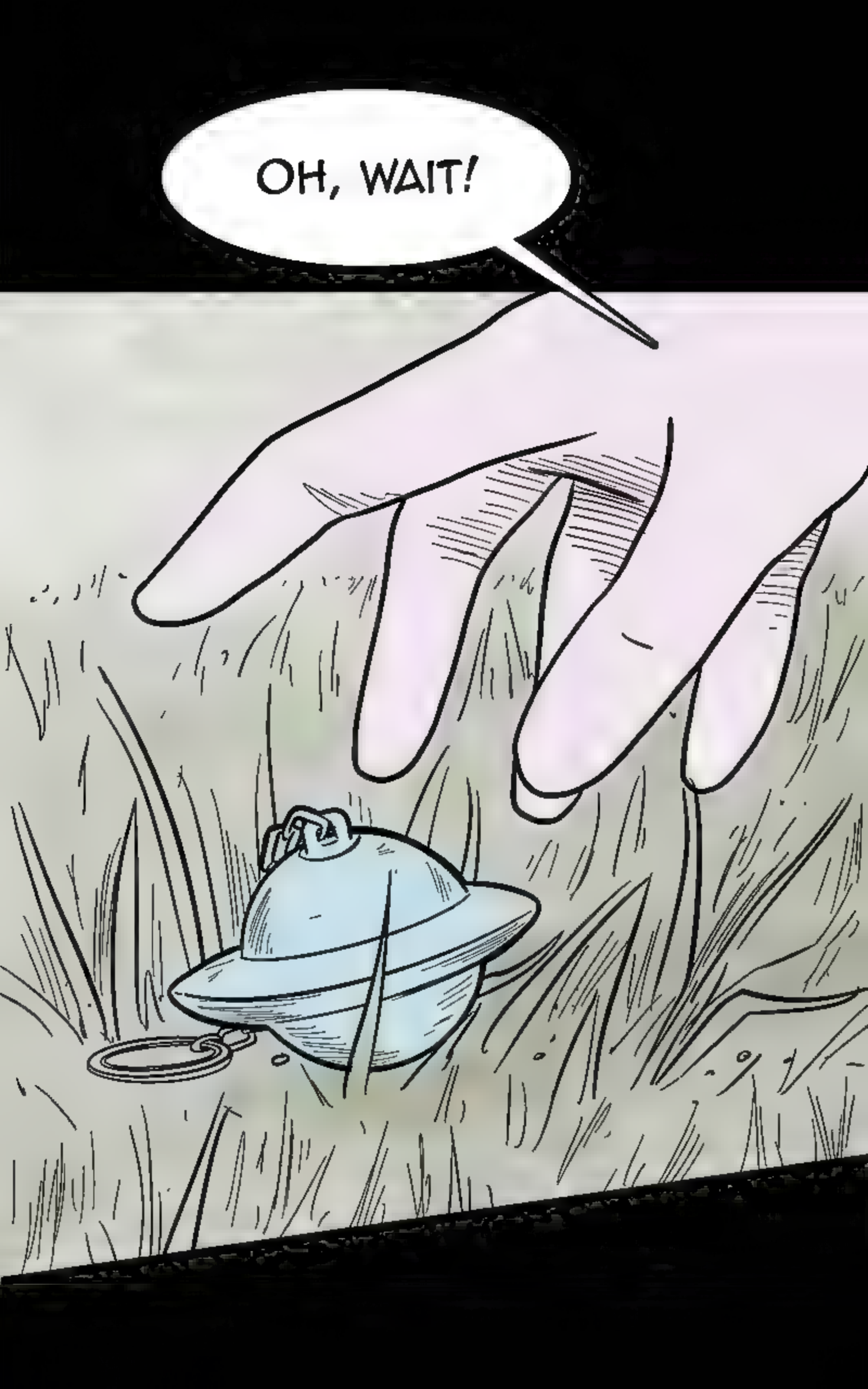
I PROMISE.

WE...WE DON'T NEED OLD MEMORIES. WE CAN ALWAYS JUST MAKE NEW ONES.

C'MON, LET'S
GO INSIDE.


I LEFT FELIX WHILE HE WAS READING TO ASHLEY.

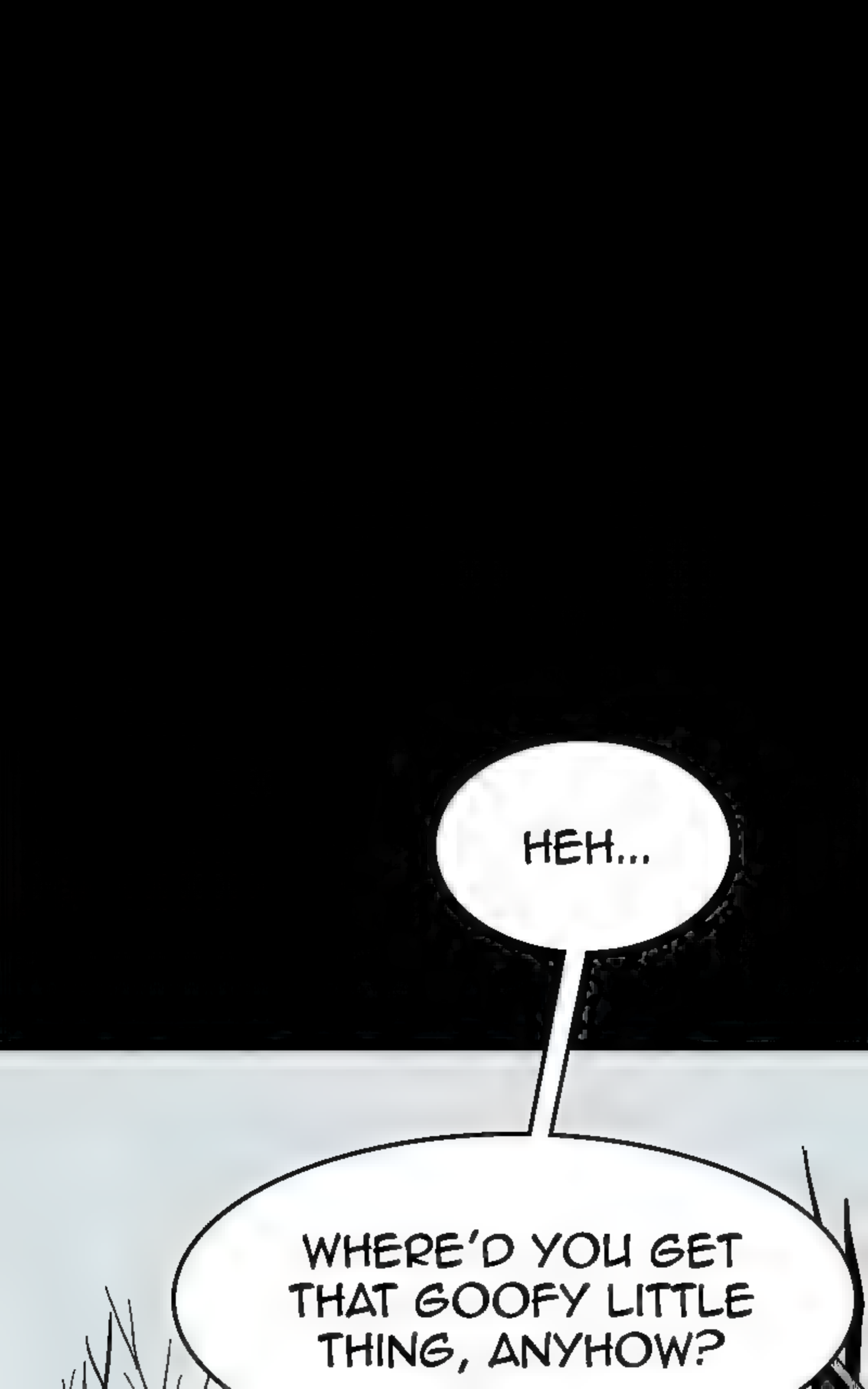

WE CAN SORT SOME KIND OF DINNER OUT IN THE MEANTIME.

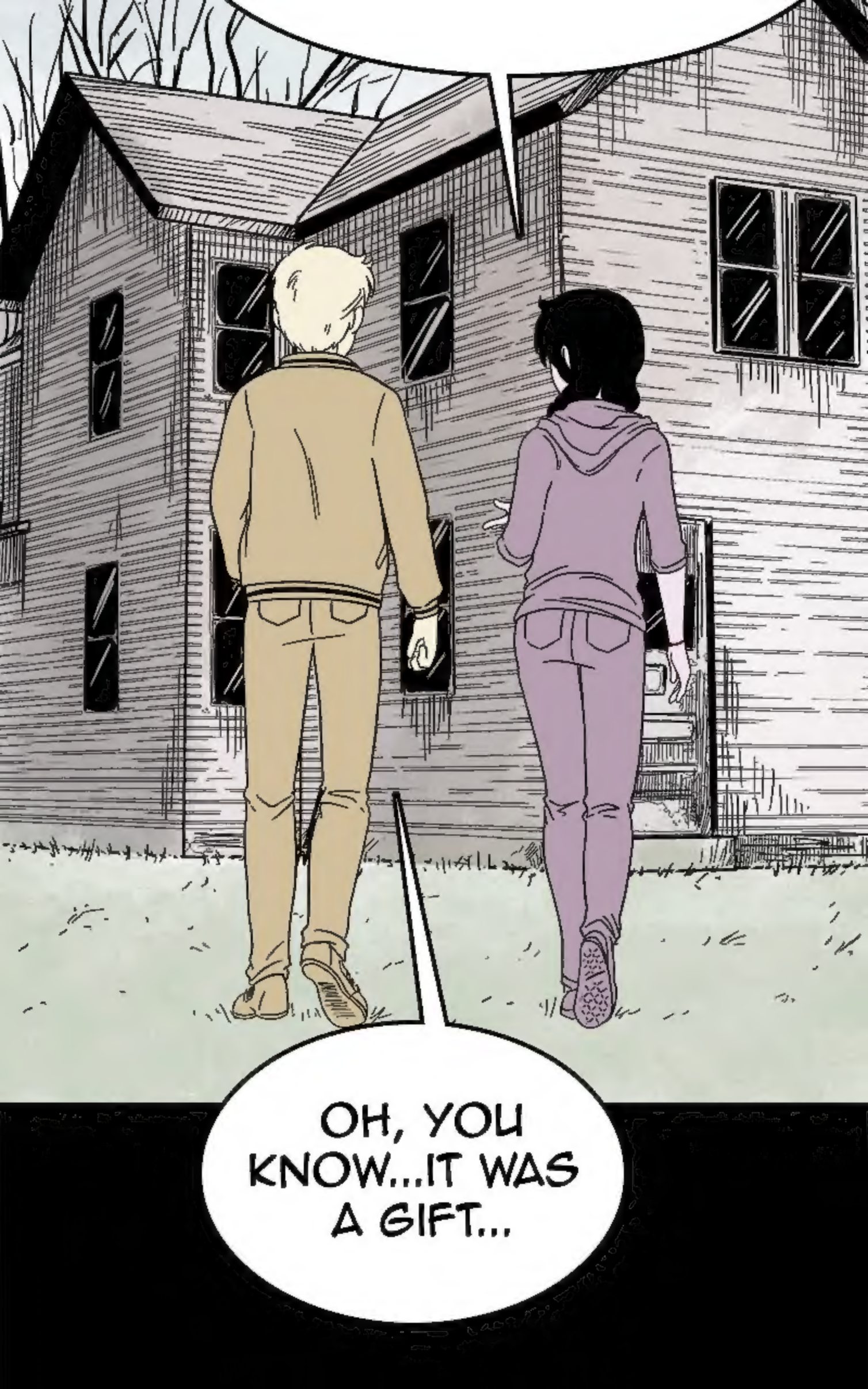

OH, WAIT!

DON'T FORGET YOUR KEYCHAIN.

OH, YEAH...
THANKS.

I'D HATE TO LOSE IT.


HEH...
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT GOOFY LITTLE THING, ANYHOW?


OH, YOU KNOW...IT WAS A GIFT...

...FROM SOMEONE
VERY SPECIAL.